

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

county and may distribute the amount of the reduction to the independent and common school districts of the county on a per scholastic basis to be used solely for the purpose of reducing bonded indebtedness of those districts or for making permanent improvements. The commissioners court shall, however, retain a sufficient amount of the corpus of the county permanent school fund to pay ad valorem taxes on school lands or royalty interests owned at the time of the distribution. Nothing in this Section affects financial aid to any school district by the state."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow a county to reduce its county permanent school fund and distribute the money to independent and common school districts on a per scholastic basis."

Adopted by the House on May 7, 1971: Yeas 122, Nays 1; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1971: Yeas 28, Nays 1.

Signed by the Governor May 31, 1971.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—LEGISLATURE —COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF MEMBERS

H. J. R. No. 58

Proposing an amendment to Article III, Section 24, Constitution of the State of Texas, to provide for an annual salary of \$8,400 for Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and to extend to 120 days only of the Regular Session the per diem allowance of Members of the Legislature.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article III, Section 24, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 24. Representatives shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary of not exceeding Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400). Senators shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary of not exceeding Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400). All Members of the Legislature, including the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, also shall receive from the Public Treasury a per diem of not exceeding Twelve Dollars (\$12) per day for the first one hundred and twenty (120) days only of each Regular Session and for thirty (30) days of each Special Session of the Legislature. No Regular Session shall be of longer duration than one hundred and forty (140) days. This amendment shall be self-enacting and appropriations heretofore made in the general appropriations bill for the biennium ending August 31, 1973, for the salaries of the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall not be invalid because of the anticipatory nature of the legislation.

"In addition to the per diem the Members of each House shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for every twenty-five (25) miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel, from a table of distances prepared by the Comptroller to each county seat now or hereafter to be established; no Member to be entitled to mileage for any extra Session that may be called

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within one (1) day after the adjournment of the Regular or Called Session."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide annual salaries of \$8,400 for members of the Senate and House of Representatives."

Adopted by the House on May 29, 1971: Yeas 105, Nays 30, and 1 present not voting; House concurred in Senate amendments on May 31, 1971: Yeas 118, Nays 17; adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 31, 1971: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

Signed by the Governor June 1, 1971.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION—REPORT—1974 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

H. J. R. No. 61

Proposing an amendment to Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, to provide that the 63rd Legislature elected in November 1972, establish a constitutional revision commission and act as a constitutional convention to propose a revised Constitution to the voters of Texas, retaining the Bill of Rights of the present Constitution.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article XVII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a Section 2 to read as follows:

"Section 2. (a) When the legislature convenes in regular session in January, 1973, it shall provide by concurrent resolution for the establishment of a constitutional revision commission. The legislature shall appropriate money to provide an adequate staff, office space, equipment, and supplies for the commission.

"(b) The commission shall study the need for constitutional change and shall report its recommendations to the members of the legislature not later than November 1, 1973.

"(c) The members of the 63rd Legislature shall be convened as a constitutional convention at noon on the second Tuesday in January, 1974. The lieutenant governor shall preside until a chairman of the convention is elected. The convention shall elect other officers it deems necessary, adopt temporary and permanent rules, and publish a journal of its proceedings. A person elected to fill a vacancy in the 63rd Legislature before dissolution of the convention becomes a member of the convention on taking office as a member of the legislature.

"(d) Members of the convention shall receive compensation, mileage, per diem as determined by a five member committee, to be composed of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Chief Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals. This shall not be held in conflict with Article XVI, Section 38 of the Texas Constitution. The convention may provide for the expenses of its members and for the employment of a staff for the convention, and for these purposes may by resolution appropriate money from the general revenue fund of the state treasury. Warrants shall be drawn pursuant to vouchers